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# 'NOTHER DAHLIA PATCH

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But Bugged, Bossed and Sprinkled  
by the Mrs.

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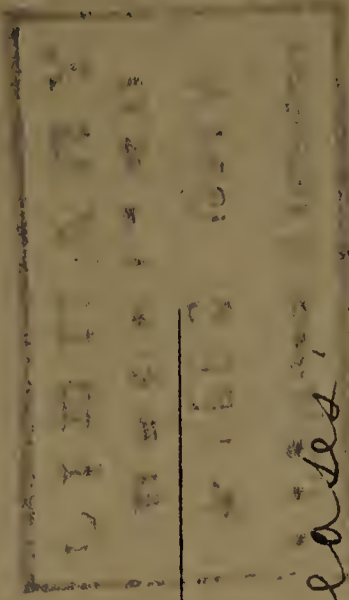
*Mrs. Harshman*

*U.S. Dept Agriculture*

*Agricultural Crops & Diseases*

*Washington D.C.*

*Dear Sir*  
*Enclosed find*



# PRICE LIST—SPRING OF 1934

Delivery May 1, 1934

Sprouted Roots  
Field Grown, Potash Fed

Postage Paid on  
orders for \$2.00 or More

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All orders are subject to prior sale and keeping of roots through winter storage. The latter is almost superfluous a precaution with us, not having lost any noticeable percentage of stock in ten years. Knock on wood—but safety first. Our good run of luck in keeping roots might be based on the fact that stock is never forced by any “big shot” fertilizing methods, never watered excessively and above all never bloomed to death. In this respect, we may be abnormally “hard-boiled” but if it were possible to positively identify all roots, our stock for re-sale would never be allowed to bloom—and “them’s our sentiments”—take ‘em or leave ‘em.

We are just wondering, as possibly you have, that much of this stunt affair, might not be traced back to the previous season, where someone has “shot the works” with his dahlias in order to “go to town” on some dahlia show, thereby compete with and out-measure the monstrosities of those exhibitors (may their shadows grow less) who use the Overland Limited, the airplane and whatnot to collect blooms from the four winds for a lot of “Ah’s and Oh’s” by an unsuspecting public.

For healthy root growth, we use bone meal and muriate of potash and that does not mean nitrate of soda or any other of the many “shots in the arm,” enticing as the Sirens’ call of old.

Our appeal is to the small grower, often a payer of too much “freight” or “overhead.” We feel that our prices are down to a most reasonable scale and reserve the right to limit quantities on certain varieties much in demand, in order to serve the many who have shown by their orders and repeat orders, appreciation for our efforts to tack a SANE price on dahlia roots.

Yes, we support our thanks, in a material way, for a mailing list of your friends, who raise dahlias (said to be, without much contradiction) the PRIMA DONNAS of any garden spot.

Abbreviations — Formal Decorative (FD); Informal Decorative (ID); Semi-cactus (SC); Cactus (C); Ball or Show (B); Pom Pom (P); Peony (Peo).

\*Varieties added since last season.

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Argonaut (ID) Gold and Bronze, quite artistic.....	\$ .35
A D Livonia (B) Clear Cerise Pink.....	.20
*Andrea Ericson (ID) the White Ft. Monmouth.....	1.50
Buckeye Bride (FD) Geranium Pink, blooms early and late .....	.75
Ballet Girl (C) Scarlet and White, free bloomer.....	.35
*BAGDAD (ID) Scarlet, red flame, 10-in. blooms.....	1.00



Barbara Redfern (FD) Massive Old Gold and Rose....	.50
Barbara Wear (ID) Violet Rose and Cream.....	.50
Big Chief (ID) Large autumn shade.....	.75
BOB WHITE (FD) Giant, Pure White.....	.75
Bobby (P) Plum.....	.20
Brockton Beauty (FD) Lavender, Cream Center.....	.50
Calvin Coolidge, Jr. (FD) Pink, gold edged, sturdy grower .....	.50
City of Trenton (ID) Apricot, Suffused Gold, very large .....	.50
Cochegan (FD) Canary Yellow, very deep bloom.....	.50
Catherine (P) Canary Yellow, old favorite.....	.20
*Chemar's Eureka (FD) White with Orchid Center.....	.50
Chemar's Purity (FD) One of the finer whites.....	.35
D. W. MORROW (ID) Crimson Red, 12-in. blooms; we have used extra care in its culture to assure you a show winner and a real magnet for your garden against a lot of other reds.....	1.00
Dorothy Peacock (B) Finest Pink of its class.....	.20
Dorothy Stone (ID) Brighter than Norris, but acts up .....	.50
*EAGLE ROCK FANTASY (ID) Violet Rose, Shaded Silver (the dahlia beautiful).....	1.50
EAGLE ROCK WONDER (ID) Orange, popular, bargain price at.....	.75
Eagle Rock Gem (C) Very fine Pink, Shaded Yellow....	.75
Eliza L. Sheperd (ID) Massive Orange and Gold.....	.50
Edna Ferber (SC) Coral and Gold (Poor Man's Earhart) .....	.50
Eldorado (FD) Vivid Gold, old but refuses to pass out .....	.40
Elizabeth Ford (FD) American Beauty Rose color, classy .....	.50
Elizabeth (P) Yellow, Edged Brown.....	.20
Ft. Monmouth (ID) Crimson Maroon, 12-in. blooms....	.50
Frances Larocco (FD) Pale Yellow, outstanding.....	.50
FORDHOOK VICTORY (FD) Rich Tyrian Rose, much admired .....	.40
Flaming Meteor (ID) Orange Scarlet.....	.40
*GOODNIGHT (ID) Oxblood Red, Shaded Maroon, finest of darks.....	1.00
*GIRL OF HILLCREST (ID) Apricot Buff, new, much in demand .....	2.00
Graf Zeppelin (FD) Extra fine White, very tall grower .....	1.00
GEORGE WINGER (FD) Novel Yellow, Streaked White, try it.....	1.00
Gloria (P) Maroon, Pink and White.....	.20
*HAWAIIAN NIGHTS (ID) Scarlet and Orange, deep bloom .....	1.00

Harry Mayer (FD) Large two-toned Lavender.....	.50
Helen Burroughs (ID) Silver Pink, unsurpassed tints	.75
Hedweg Pollweg (P) Red-tipped White, a beauty.....	.20
Hesperia (P) Yellow and Red.....	.20
*IMPERIAL PINK (FD) All the name implies and then some .....	2.00
JANE COWL (IF) Buff and Orange—the near-great- est dahlia ever grown. Special price, 3 roots for....	1.00
Practically all of our Cowls were cut back from blooming the past season. This will mean some wonderful flowers next summer.	
Jersey's Beauty (FD) World's best Pink ever since....	.25
Jersey's Beacon (FD) Chinese Scarlet, tan reverse.....	.35
Judge Leon McCord (FD) Deepest Gold.....	.50
Jean Hare (SC) Yellow and Bronze.....	.50
Josephine G (SC and ID) Bright Rose Pink, evtra fine .....	.75
*Janet Southwick (ID) Tyrian Rose, or Burgundy Red	1.50
King Midas (ID) the Yellow, while others come and go	.50
KATHLEEN NORRIS (ID) Rose to Mallow Pink, an outstanding exhibition variety, a consistent show winner .....	.50
Katherine Cole (ID) Cream and Pink-tipped Rose.....	.50
Kemp's Violet Wonder (ID) Violet and Purple.....	.50
*Kentucky Red (ID) Flaming Scarlet, does not burn....	1.50
*Katherine Kelly (ID) Brownish Red.....	.75
*LA FIESTA (ID) Buttercup Yellow, penciled Red, very large .....	4.00
Lillian Campbell (FD) Clear Pink, profuse bloomer....	.35
*MURPHY'S Masterpiece (ID) Dark Red, Shaded Garnet .....	3.00
Marie (FD) Pink, water lily effect, keeps well cut.....	.50
Maude Adams (B) Pink and White, cut flower standby	.20
Millionaire (ID) Lavender Pink.....	.35
MONMOUTH CHAMPION (FD) Scarlet Orange, 11-in. blooms .....	.50
My Maryland (SC) Beautiful Pink, tipped Ivory.....	.50
*Myra Howard (ID) Gold, Tinted Salmon.....	2.00
*MARY ELLEN (FD) Violet Rose, a decided hit.....	1.00
Mrs. I. de Ver Warner (FD) Still a great mauve Pink	.25
MRS. A. B. SEAL (ID) Old Rose and Violet, very special price .....	.50
Netawaka (ID) Orange to Jasper Red.....	.50
Nature's Masterpiece (FD) Mulberry and Old Rose....	.75



<b>ORINDA (ID)</b> Light Purple, tall grower, a complete success with us. 14-in. blooms, 4-ft. stems.....	1.00
<b>Oyster Bay Beauty (FD)</b> Dark Red, deep blooms.....	.50
<b>*PRINCE OF PERSIA (ID)</b> The last word in a rich, glowing cardinal .....	1.25
<b>Pappillion (ID)</b> Old Rose, with gold blooms by the dozen .....	.35
<b>Pride of Stratford (ID)</b> Popular Orange, still winning at shows .....	.35
<b>Robert Scott (FD)</b> Large Golden Buff, perfect blooms .....	.35
<b>Roman Eagle (FD)</b> Finest of autumn shade.....	.35
<b>Rose Fallon (FD)</b> Deep Old Gold, a most perfect decorative .....	.35
<b>*SATAN (SC)</b> Scarlet with Yellow reverse, a show sensation for past two seasons. A good strain of this variety is scarce owing to over-propagation to meet the heavy demand.....	3.00
<b>*SHAHRAZADE (ID)</b> The Pink Jane Cowl, and a wonderful bloom .....	1.00
<b>Sanhican's Peach (ID)</b> A true peach color.....	.35
<b>Sanhican's Rose (FD)</b> Very pleasing rose shade, popular .....	.50
<b>Seal's Californian (FD)</b> Shaded Yellow, Tipped Pink..	.35
<b>Thos. A. Edison (FD)</b> Royal Purple, one of our best sellers .....	.75
<b>Treasure Island (FD)</b> Apricot, Gold and Rose.....	.75
<b>*The Commodore (ID)</b> Supreme Yellow, until American Legion lands on its feet.....	1.50
<b>The World (FD)</b> Rose overlaid Garnet, a late season favorite .....	.50
<b>Trentonian (FD)</b> Copper and Bronze.....	.35
<b>Uncle Sam (Peo)</b> Massive Golden Apricot, a peony type that stuck.....	.35
<b>W. J. Erwin (FD)</b> Lavender, much admired for fine blooms .....	.50
<b>Waldheim Glory (B)</b> Rich Golden Yellow.....	.35
<b>Yellow Princess (ID)</b> Giant sulphur Yellow.....	.50

## ZINNIAS

<b>Double Pom or Lilliput (mixed colors)</b> .....per pkt.	.20
Fine for borders or along walks. Pinch out first bud for long stems.	

## GLADIOLUS (Blooming Size Bulbs)

<b>Betty Nuthall, tall Coral Orange, a great "glad",</b> dozen lots only.....	.35
<b>Los Angeles, popular Pink</b> .....per doz.	.25



## DELPHINIUM

(English hybrid exclusively)

Two-year-old plants .....	each	.25
Two-year-old plants .....	per doz.	2.25
Seed from outstanding colors.....	per pkt.	.25

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And this—give us a “break.” We ship only roots with eye or sprout showing—from then on things can happen. Sprout could be damaged in transit, broken in planting, dried up before planting, dried up after planting, drowned out. Your ground could be acid or infested with ants, which means aphids and so on and so forth. As we have no control over your planting or cultural methods and soil condition, we repeat GIVE US A BREAK.

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Join the American Dahlia Society, which is doing great work to foster the popularity of the flower. For further particulars, address C. L. Alling, 251 Court Street, West Haven, Conn.

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Maybe dahlias are somewhat temperamental, but where would be the “kick” in cultivating such vigorous plant life as crab-grass or buck-horn?

Some have experienced discouragements in raising dahlias, due, in most cases, to a lack of essentials—such as good drainage, depth in planting to avoid drouths, distance from the root systems of trees and shrubbery, cultivation after rains, heavy mulching in middle August, and most important of all, spraying of the plants at least once each week from early growth in June until the killing frost in October. We have found “EVERGREEN” a very satisfactory insecticide, expense considered.

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